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Hi Katha, I'm just getting back into the office after my trip to Israel with the Governor. I think this is an unfortunate situation and do hope that the relationship between the HBOIF and HBOI does not suffer as a result.

I wanted to let you know that Nick Dickens informed me yesterday that he has accepted a job elsewhere (this is a significant loss for us). You should know that one of the reasons he is choosing to leave is the uncertainty in the future of the HBOIF's 20% salary support. I have already said this to you and Mike directly, but this is a strong example of why I think this program and its ability to recruit and retain HBOI faculty is the most important support program that the HBOIF provides to the Institute. If this grant/program ends, I'm certain Nick will not be the only faculty member we lose.

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Dear Jim,

As you will recall, on Monday, January 8, 2018, without any advance notice, FAU Vice President of Research Dan Flynn ordered the Foundation to be prepared to move its offices within 3 to 4 days, and we informed Dr. Flynn that we were not prepared to do so. Since that time, additional attempts were made to force the Foundation to move its offices. Alternate space offered to the Foundation off the main campus in Lab 1 was half the space currently occupied by us and subpar compared to current space. Additionally, our informal suggestion to consider a swap of property ownership for our office relocation (Channel Property for the Johnson House) did not appear to go anywhere.

In addition, while we have not been informed directly by you or HBOI officially, in the last few months it appears the Harbor Branch campus, and the Link Admin and Engineering Building in particular, are being prepared for high security clearance projects.

Rather than face an uncomfortable forced move without warning or without the opportunity to ensure moving into comparable space, the Foundation has been vetting the pros and cons of proactively moving off campus. As discussed at the April 18, 2019 Finance Committee and recommended at the April 25, 2019 Board Meeting, the Foundation Board approved FY19 and FY20 funds to accommodate a move. This eliminates uncertainty, allows the Foundation to effect a move in a thoughtful manner, and prevents vulnerability to our ability to best serve our mission.

Our move is consistent with the Foundation's agreement with FAU in the 2007 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which stipulates that FAU would provide the Foundation with temporary office space until such time that the Foundation would move into a permanent home. We will begin plans to design and build a permanent Foundation home on the Channel property owned by the Foundation on the HBOI campus. Until then, space in Vero Beach has been identified to house the Foundation. We will begin our move process today.

Our new offices will be located at: [3545 Ocean Drive, Suite 201](#), Vero Beach, FL 32963 (Wells Fargo Building). Our phone number and all email addresses will stay the same.

We may be offline during the move process. If you need to reach us, please phone or text as follows:

Katha Kissman, 202-669-4423
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Even though we will be in a different location, our mission to support the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute will remain unchanged.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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